

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 34 through 48 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please add Claims 49 through 56 as follows:

1-48. (Cancelled)

49. (New) A recording apparatus comprising:

a first tuner capable of receiving a first plurality of channels;

a first memory for (a) acquiring information of a second plurality of channels from an external receiver device having a second tuner capable of receiving a second plurality of channels and (b) storing the information;

a second memory for storing information of the first plurality of channels that is receivable by the first tuner;

an accepting unit for accepting a signal for designating a channel of either one of the first plurality of channels or the second plurality of channels; and

a control unit for determining, based on information stored in each of the first memory and the second memory, a selection of either the first tuner or the second tuner, for receiving image data of the channel designated by the signal,

wherein the control unit acquires the information of the second plurality of channels to be stored in the first memory at a predetermined timing and updates the first memory with the acquired information.

50. (New) A recording apparatus according to claim 49, wherein the control unit determines whether a connection between the recording apparatus and the external receiver device is connected or not, and the control unit clears the information stored in the first memory when it determines that the connection to the external receiver device is not connected.

51. (New) A recording apparatus according to claim 50, wherein the control unit sets flag information indicating that the first memory is cleared when it clears the first memory.

52. (New) A recording apparatus according to claim 51, further comprising a setting unit for receiving a setting of a picture-recording reservation mode for reserving recording of a program, wherein the control unit sends a command to turn on a power supply of the external receiver device when the picture-recording reservation mode is set and the flag information indicates that the first memory is cleared.

53. (New) A method of controlling a recording apparatus having a first tuner capable of receiving a first plurality of channels, said method comprising:

a first storing step for (a) acquiring information of a second plurality of channels from an external receiver device having a second tuner capable of receiving the second plurality of channels and (b) storing the information in a first memory;

a second storing step for storing information of the first plurality of channels receivable by the first tuner in a second memory;

an accepting step for accepting a signal for designating a channel of either one of the first plurality of channels or the second plurality of channels; and

a controlling step for determining, based on information stored in each of the first memory and the second memory, a selection of either the first tuner or the second tuner, for receiving image data of the channel designated by the signal,

wherein, in the controlling step, the information of the second plurality of channels to be stored in the first memory is acquired at a predetermined timing and the first memory is updated with the acquired information.

54. (New) A method according to claim 53, wherein it is determined, in the controlling step, whether the external receiver device is connected to the recording apparatus or not, and the information stored in the first memory is cleared when it is determined that the external receiver device is not connected.

55. (New) A method according to claim 54, wherein flag information indicating that the first memory is cleared is set when the first memory is cleared in the controlling step.

56. (New) A method according to claim 55, further comprising a setting step in which the recording apparatus receives a setting of a picture-recording reservation mode for reserving recording of a program, wherein a command to turn on a power supply of the external receiver device is sent when the picture-recording reservation mode is set and the flag information indicates that the first memory is cleared in the controlling step.